



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 644**

Hearing Date: February 26, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Raikes)

Title: Provide for summer school student units in the state aid formula

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Ashford

Proponents:

Senator Ron Raikes
Virgil Horne
John Lindsay
Russ Inbody

Jay Sears
Al Inzerello

Representing:

Introducer
Lincoln Public Schools
Omaha Public Schools
Nebraska Department of Education / State Board of Education
Nebraska State Education Association
Westside Community Schools

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 644 would include a summer school factor in the calculation of state aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act beginning with the 2008-09 school fiscal year.

A new section would define a summer school student unit. Each unit would be based on one student enrolled in summer school for between 3 and 6 hours per day for between 12 and 24

days. The student would not be required to be in the membership of the school district. One student could generate up to 6 units per summer. Districts would also receive an additional unit for each summer school student unit attributed to remedial math or reading programs and for each unit attributed to free lunch and free milk students. School districts could require and collect fees for summer school, except that summer school student units would not be calculated for programs when fees are collected from students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

Section 79-1001 would be amended by including the new section in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

Section 79-1007.03 would be amended by adding a summer school factor to the demographic weighting factors used to calculate the adjusted formula students beginning with the 2008-09 school fiscal year. The summer school factor would equal to 0.025 times the number of summer school student units as defined in the new section. The summer school factor would not be included in the total adjusted formula students for the calculation of the average formula cost per student in each cost grouping, but would be included in the adjusted formula students used for the calculation of formula need for school districts.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson